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REMARKS

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1. On several days during the period between 2 and 16 April 1954, there was air activity at Briesen airfield. Prior to 10 April, the weather was 8/10 to 10/10 overcast at an altitude of 200 to 400 meters. Then the weather improved. There was flying on 10, 11 and 13 April. Air activity observed in the first days of April included individual flying on 2 and 5 April. The aircraft were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks and remained aloft for 30 to 40 minutes. On 7 April, formations of two aircraft practiced flying, disappearing out of sight. On 4 and 5 April, there was night flying. During air activity between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m. on 4 April, there was a closed ceiling at an altitude of about 200 meters and visibility of about 2 km. During night flying runway lights and taxiway lights were in operation. At the eastern end of the runway there was a red blinker light which gave the signal --- when an aircraft approached for landing. Subsequently the landing aircraft gave a flash signal. Between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. on 11 April, eight individual take-offs were observed. During the period from 10 to 16 April, there was only flying on 11 and 13 April. Only formation flying by elements of two aircraft was observed. Three formations would take off at intervals of about 200 meters and subsequently assemble in line formation. After two flights of about 25 minutes each, the aircraft which were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks were refueled from 3 tank trucks. On 5 April, 25 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s and the alert flight of 4 MiG-15s were parked at the dispersal areas. On 6 April, 2 high-wing monoplanes and 2 single-engine monoplanes were observed at the field in addition to the swept-back jet fighters observed on the preceding day.

2. Trucks [REDACTED] with drivers wearing epaulets with air force insignia [REDACTED] at the field.

[REDACTED] Comment. A fighter regiment equipped with about 23 MiG-15s is stationed at Briesen airfield. It is not clear whether blind flying was practiced during air activity at night. Efforts have been initiated to clarify this point.

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